

CITY OF COLTON TREE REBATE PROGRAM ANALYSIS

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Executive Summary

This document provides an overall framework for managing Colton's urban and natural forest resources. Using the inventory data collected and employing standard urban forestry principles, the Colton Electric Utility Department has developed a strategy for reducing residential power consumption. The major portions of this document clarifies general goals and policies as they relate to a community forest management plan and are described below.

- Urban forest environmental impacts
- Urban forest benefits
- Technical guides for urban forest management
- Method of evaluating urban forest benefits
- Tree Rebate management plan

Vision

Colton's urban forest, an equal part of the community's infrastructure, contributes to the general welfare of our community by reducing energy costs, increasing property value, beautifying all neighborhoods, and projecting an image of quality to visitors and prospective businesses.

Introduction

Overview

Historical context

The City of Colton was formally founded in 1875 and incorporated in 1887 but its history goes back to the 1770's when several explorers from Mexico searched routes from Sonar, Mexico to Monterey, bringing the first Europeans to the Colton area. Prior to this time, the area was inhabited by the Gua-chama, Serannos and San Gorgionio Indians.

By 1840 Colton was part of two large privately owned ranchos, the Jurupa and the San Bernardino Ranchos. The southwest section of Colton is referred to as Agua Mansa ("Gentle Waters"); the area settled by New Mexico Pioneers in 1842.

The town of Colton was laid out when the Southern Pacific Railway was constructed through the valley on its way eastward from Los Angeles in 1875. Colton was named for Civil War General David Colton who was also vice President of Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Colton was incorporated July 111, 1887 when 119 of 176 citizens voted in favor of incorporation. Nicolas P. Earp, father of the "Earp Brothers", was appointed Colton's recorder. The Nicholas Porter Earp family settled in Colton in 1877; Nicholas was elected to the position of Recorder in 1887. The same year, Virgil Earp was elected Colton's first Marshal and lived with his wife Allie in a house at 528 W. H. Street which still stands today. Brother Morgan Earp is buried in Hermosa Cemetery.

On October 16, 1889, Colton voted \$12,000 in bonds for the erection of a City Hall completed in 1890. The first meeting in City Hall was convened September 1, 1890.

Through the next century, citrus groves were bought and sold, the railroads and road systems grew to accommodate the growth, business grew and did the city.

Urban Forest Environmental Impacts

An urban forest is the complex system of trees and smaller plants, wildlife, associated organisms, soil, water, air and people in and around a city. It surrounds us and impacts the quality of our daily lives. Urban forests provides environmental, psychological, and economic benefits ranging from improved air and water quality to savings from decreased heating and cooling costs to aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods and increased resale values². One large residential tree is estimated to produce \$4,000 of total economic benefits over its first fifty years, and to increase resale values by 6 to 9% ¹. The aesthetic and inspirational value of a denser tree population in Colton's urban forest is incalculable. Environmental stewardship toward this resource will ensure that current and future residents enjoy all these benefits.

Trees provide a variety of benefits and make cities more comfortable to live in a variety of ways. Some of which are difficult to quantify economically. For example, trees and shrubs can help quieten city noise. Trees also provide important foraging and nesting opportunities for birds and other wildlife⁴. However, it is some instances quantifying the economic benefits is possible. For example, shade provided by trees greatly reduce cooling cost in moderately high climate zones. The fact that a dollar value can be assigned to the impact of a shade tree emphasizes that an urban forest is a key element of an urban infrastructure.

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Benefits provided by trees

Trees help save energy

In temperate climates, shade trees are the principle energy savings benefiter due to the shade they provide. Trees in residential yards that shade the windows, roofs, and walls of home can reduce energy needed for cooling by as much as 34% ¹. A phenomenon known as the urban heat land effect occurs during hot summer due to the fact that urbanized areas can be up to 10°F hotter that the surrounding countryside. ² This is primary reason for this phenomenon is due to that fact that dark materials, such as buildings and pavement, absorb more of the sun's light rays than lighter colored materials. This leads to an increase in the temperature of the surfaces and the air around them.

Another phenomenon that effects the surrounding temperatures is called evapotranspiration.

Evapotranspiration refers to the way that water is evaporated from within plant leaves, exiting through tiny pores in the leaf. As the water evaporates, it cools the leaf and the air around it in much the same way that swamp coolers function. Trees provide a means of combating the urban heat island effect and ultimately reduce the overall summer temperature within urban areas and help reduce energy consumption.

Improve air quality

Trees improve ambient air quality by removing gaseous air pollutants and particulates from the air⁵. Just as trees reduce the urban heat island effect, trees also reduce the formation of photochemical smog. Higher temperatures increases the chemical kinetics of the reactions that form smog and by shades trees lowering the temperature les smog is formed. Although the majority of smog precursors come from moving vehicles, parked cars also emit volatile hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere that react to form smog. Cars parked in shade are much cooler and release fewer volatile hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere⁵.

Other important services trees provide

Tree canopies capture rainfall, moderate storm water runoff and reduce the amount of pollutants that wash off buildings and paved surfaces into creeks and storm drains^{6,7}. Tree shade over pavement slows down pavement deterioration⁸. Trees planted along roadways can have a "traffic calming" effect which reduces driving speeds by visually narrowing the road⁹. Tree roots help to

hold soil in place, and tree canopies shield soil from the impact of rain drops, resulting in decreased soil erosion during storms, which improves stream water quality and reduces silt deposits in reservoirs and flood control basins.

Trees provide direct economic benefits

A variety of studies show that trees increase residential property values. People pay more for homes with attractive trees, that are in neighborhoods with attractive trees, or that are near open space areas with trees¹⁰. A study by researchers in the State of Washington found that consumers perceive business districts with trees to be higher quality than those without trees. Consumers were willing to pay up to 10% more for goods bought in tree-lined business districts¹².

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Scope of the plan

Colton's Electric Utility's mission to conserve and sustain energy depends on the improved understanding of dendrology, the study of woody plants, local to the environment of the City of Colton.

Guidelines for tree planting and maintenance

This section contains technical information about tree planting and maintenance.

Tree placement guidelines

Trees occupy space both above and below ground. Tree canopy height and spread at maturity need to be considered when trees are placed into the urban landscape around residential homes. **Figure 1** shows some important clearances to consider when placing trees in the landscape.



Figure 1: Tree should have adequate clearance from structures, above- and below-ground utilities

Species Selection

Trees can serve multiple functions in the landscape. Properly selected and located trees can be used to reduce energy costs in both winter and summer. The list of qualifying trees are the following: (See Appendix for full tree description)

- Chinese Flame
- Sawleaf Zelkova
- Jacaranda
- Chinese Elm

- Crape Myrtle
- Eastern Redbud
- Flowering Evergreen Pear
- Southern Magnolia

- Jacaranda
- Silk Tree

• Trumpet Tree

Tree Planting Method

It is important to understand the conditions in your yard before you plant new trees. Planting without consideration of the eventual size of new trees can lead to problems between trees and existing structures in the long run. Planting large trees where small ones are appropriate can lead to years of headaches and pruning. Planning for the mature size of your trees avoids problems later on. The process below will help you choose the right tree for your property based upon your goals, needs and existing conditions.

The following steps are illustrated to help create a plan

1. Find North

The strongest sunlight comes from the south and the west. Finding north will help you to orient your home, and find the right locations to shade it.

There are many ways to find north. Crestline and Lytle Creek are to the north of Colton. Alternatively place a rule or stick in the ground at 12 noon. The shadow will point north. You can also use a compass, a map, or the internet.

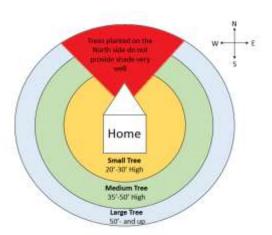


Figure 2: General Recommendations for tree placement

2. Identify/ Survey Site

Tree roots and branches may pose a potential hazard if not sited properly. Tree branches may interfere with overhead power lines. Tree roots may interfere with underground pipes, building foundations, walkways, and fences. Trees should be planted a safe distance from structures, utilities, and paved areas. (See table below) It is highly recommended that a tree is not planted according to the **Table 1.**

Table 1: "No-Plant" Zone

Tree Size	Underground	Fences & paved	Overhead Power						
	utilities, structures,	areas	Lines						
	buildings								
DO NOT PLANT WITHIN									
Small	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet						
Medium	25 feet	10 feet	20 feet						
Large	35 feet	10 feet	30 feet						

3. Decide Tree Site

Locate areas you would like to shade, such as air conditioning units, windows, porches, and patios. Placing trees to the south and west of these areas protects them from the scorching sun rays. Placing trees on the eastern side will provide shade from the morning sun, while placing trees on the western side will provide shade from the afternoon and evening sun.

4. Tree Size

In order to know what kind of tree to choose, you'll need to know what size of tree works best in the spaces where you can plant. Once the tree size has been determined selection of a tree species can be accomplished, based on its appearance, size, and shape.

5. Planting Supplies

Most of tools needed to plant a tree are common yard tools. They include

- Shovel
- Garden Hose
- Hammer

- Tree stakes two 5' tall stakes
- Flexible tree ties-two per tree
- Wheelbarrow or tarp (optional)

6. **Planting**

Using a shovel dig a round hole, 2-3 times as wide the size of the tree container and as deep as the container. Leave a pedestal in the center of the hole to ensure the tree's rootball is placed a little higher than the adjacent soil. Discard turf. Rough up the sides of the hole with a shovel so that they are not smooth. Gently remove the tree from its container and gently "tease" the roots out of the rootball. Place the tree in the center of the hole so that the top of the rootball is slighter higher than adjacent ground. Fill the hole with the soil you removed. Firmly pack down the soil. Sprinkle the fertilizer around the tree or push it into the soil outside the rootball, about 3 inches deep. Add 3-4 inches of mulch. Drive two new stakes into the ground outside of rootball. Attached flexible tree ties between the tree and stakes. The ties should not be too tight. Remove any stakes that came with the tree. **Figure 3** shows a proper tree planting.

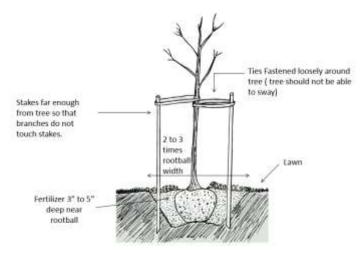


Figure 3

Method of Evaluating Saving Cost and Benefits

Tracking the environmental benefits of planting a shade tree will be accomplished using the Tree Benefit Estimator© provided by Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). Utilizing this software enables the Electric Utility to estimate the amount of energy savings (KWh saved), capacity savings (KW saved) and carbon and CO₂ sequestration (lbs) resulting from trees planted the City of Colton. **Figure 4** below shows sample simulation of the Tree Benefit Estimator

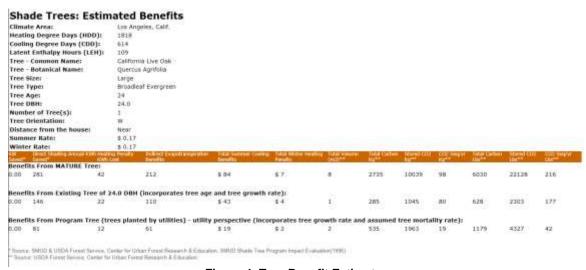


Figure 4: Tree Benefit Estimator

See Appendix for tree benefit estimator of each tree species.

Tree Rebate Management Plan

Residents must select trees from the approved City of Colton tree list in Appendix I and plant them according the guidelines specified. The City of Colton Electric Utility will provide a rebate coupon online at www.ci.colton.ca.us. Residents can obtain up to five rebate coupons and will be reimbursed up to \$50 per tree. Once, planted, mail a copy of purchase receipt and coupon to:

Tree Rebate Program 650 N. La Cadena Drive Colton, CA 92324

Within 14 days of receipt, a specialist will inspect your tree(s) for correct planting location and qualifying species. Following the inspection, your rebate check will be mailed to you within approximately 30 days.

Appendix

Tree Catalog

Small Sized Trees

• Crape Myrtle

Lagerstroemia indica Height: 15'-20' Width: 15'-20' Shape: round

Showy flower clusters in mid summer. Distinctive

smooth bark.



See **Table 2** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO_2 sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif. Heating Degree Days (HDD): 1818 Cooling Degree Days (CDD): 614 Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): 109 Tree - Common Name: Crape Myrtle Tree - Botanical Name: Lagerstroemia Indica Tree Size: Small Tree Type: Deciduous Tree Age: 14

 Tree DBH:
 6.0

 Number of Tree(s):
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 Tree Orientation:
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 Distance from the house:
 Adjacent

 Summer Rate:
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 Winter Rate:
 \$ 0.19

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Table 2: Crape Myrtle Benefits

• Eastern Redbud

Cercis canadensis Height: 8'-20' Width: 10'

Shape: spreading

Showy flowers in spring



See **Table 3** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO_2 sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif.
Heating Degree Days (HDD): 1818
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Tree - Common Name: Eastern Redbud
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Table 3: Eastern Redbud

• Flowering Evergreen Pear

Pyrus kawakamii Height: 15'-25' Width: 15'-25' Shape: spreading Flower clusters in early

spring.



See **Table 4** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO₂ sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif.
Heating Degree Days (HDD): 1818
Cooling Degree Days (CDD): 614
Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): 109

Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): Tree - Common Name: Evergreen Pear Tree - Botanical Name: Pyrus Kawakamii Tree Size: Medium Tree Type: Deciduous Tree Age: Tree DBH: 6.0 Number of Tree(s): Tree Orientation: W Distance from the house: Adjacent Summer Rate: \$ 0.19 Winter Rate: \$ 0.19

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Table 4: Evergreen Pear

Medium Sized Trees

• Chinese Flame Tree

Koelreuteria bipinnata

Height: 20'-40' Width: 40' Shape: round

Yellow flowers in summer



See **Table 5** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO₂ sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Shade Trees: Estimated Benefits Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif. 1818 Heating Degree Days (HDD): Cooling Degree Days (CDD): 614 109 Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): Tree - Common Name: Golden Rain Tree Tree - Botanical Name: Koelreuteria Paniculata Tree Size: Medium Deciduous Tree Type: Tree Age: Tree DBH: 6.0 Number of Tree(s): 1 Tree Orientation: W Distance from the house: Adjacent \$ 0.19 Summer Rate: Winter Rate: \$ 0.19 Benefits From MATURE Tree: 1895 4177 15328 248 0.00 205 14 154 \$3 6954 113 Benefits From Existing Tree of 6.0 DBH (incorporates tree age and tree growth rate): 188 45 113 414 100 \$ 15 \$ 1 51 Benefits From Program Tree (trees planted by utilities) - utility perspective (incorporates tree growth rate and assumed tree mortality rate): 2 23 \$8 \$0 375 1377 13 3035 30 0.00 31 827

Table 5: Golden Rain Tree

• Sawleaf Zelkova

Zelkova serrata Height: to 40' Width: 40' Shape: round Deciduous

Leaves have pronounced sawtooth formations.



See **Table 6** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO_2 sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif.
Heating Degree Days (HDD): 1818
Cooling Degree Days (CDD): 614
Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): 109

Tree - Common Name: Sawleaf Zelkova Tree - Botanical Name: Zelkova Serrata Tree Size: Large

 Tree Size:
 Large

 Tree Type:
 Deciduous

 Tree Age:
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 Tree DBH:
 6.5

 Number of Tree(s):
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 Tree Orientation:
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 Distance from the house:
 Adjacent

 Summer Rate:
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 Winter Rate:
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Table 6: Sawleaf Zelkova

• Jacaranda

Jacaranda mimosifolia

Height: 25'-40'
Width: 40'+
Shape: round
Deciduous or
semi evergreen.
Delicate leaves.
Lavender blossoms
cover tree in late spring

• Silk Tree

Albizia julibrissin

Height: to 40' Width: 40'

Shape: spreading

Deciduous

Pink and cream
Feathery flowers.
Fine leaflets of
medium green color.



Trumpet Tree

Tabebuia avellanedae Tabebuia chrysotricva

Height: to 30' Width: 40' Shape: round Briefly deciduous T. avellanedae provides showy pink flowers, T. chrysotricha provides showy yellow flowers



Large Sized Trees

Chinese Elm

Ulmus parvifolia Height: 40'-60' Width: 50'-70' Shape: round Semi evergreen or **Deciduous Arching** form. Aggressive surface roots. Can become weedy.



See **Table 7** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO₂ sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Shade Trees: Estimated Benefits Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif. Heating Degree Days (HDD): 1818

Cooling Degree Days (CDD): 614 Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): 109 Tree - Common Name: Chinese Elm Tree - Botanical Name: Ulmus Parviofolia Tree Size: Medium Tree Type: Deciduous Tree Age: Tree DBH: 6.0 Number of Tree(s): 1 Tree Orientation: W Adjacent

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Table 7: Chinese Elm Benefits

• Southern Magnolia

 $Magnolia\ grandiflor a$

Height: 60'
Width: 40'
Shape: upright
Evergreen with
glossy leaves
Large, creamy
and fragrant flowers in summer.



See **Table 8** for of energy savings, capacity savings and carbon and CO₂ sequestration. (Shade Trees: Tree Benefits Estimator, 2015)

Shade Trees: Estimated Benefits Climate Area: Los Angeles, Calif. Heating Degree Days (HDD): 1818 Cooling Degree Days (CDD): 614 Latent Enthalpy Hours (LEH): 109 Tree - Common Name: Southern Magnolia Tree - Botanical Name: Magnolia Grandifolia Tree Size: Large Tree Type: Broadleaf Evergreen Tree Age: Tree DBH: 6.0 Number of Tree(s): 1 Tree Orientation: w Distance from the house: Adjacent Summer Rate: \$ 0.19 Winter Rate: \$ 0.19 Benefits From MATURE Tree: \$ 10 0.00 258 \$ 86 2735 10039 98 6030 22128 216 Benefits From Existing Tree of 6.0 DBH (incorporates tree age and tree growth rate): 0.00 30 166 \$ 10 Benefits From Program Tree (trees planted by utilities) - utility perspective (incorporates tree growth rate and assumed tree mortality rate): \$5 0.00 21 197 724 1596

Table 8: Southern Magnolia

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